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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please substitute the following claim:

Claim 18 (twice amended):

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A method for inducing flowering of strawberry plants wherein said strawberry plants are grown in a controlled-temperature environment, wherein said method comprises growing said strawberry plants for a first growing period of at least six weeks at a daytime temperature which reaches at least 30° C, and wherein said daytime temperature is abruptly reduced during a second growing period, after said first growing period, to about 25° C.